

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated March 17, 2008. The Office Action stated that two distinct inventions had been identified. Election of invention was requested. Applicants hereby elect invention Group I without traverse. Invention Group I corresponds to claims 1-16 and 24. The listing of the claims reflects withdrawal of the non-elected claims.

Examination of the above-identified claims is respectfully requested. If a phone conference is believed necessary to resolve any outstanding issues with respect to the above discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

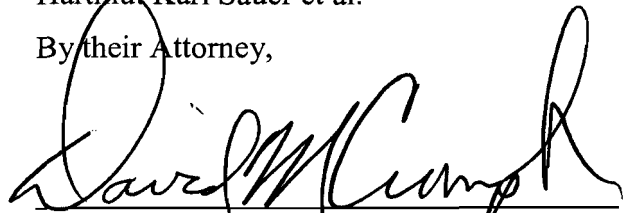
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